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Raised Bill No. 426

LCO No. 1819

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-3 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services [is authorized to] shall do
5 all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any federal
6 funds made available or allotted under any federal act for social
7 service development, or any other projects, programs or activities
8 which may be established by state or federal law, for any of the
9 purposes or activities related thereto, and said commissioner shall
10 administer any such funds allotted to the department in accordance
11 with applicable state and federal law. Not later than July 1, 2005, and
12 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with
13 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
14 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
15 the budgets of state agencies and human services on: (1) The amount
16 of any federal funds applied for, qualified for, accepted, and allotted;
17 (2) the purposes for which funds are to be used; and (3) any other

18 information that the commissioner deems pertinent concerning the
 19 ability or inability of the department to access federal funds. The
 20 commissioner may enter into contracts with the federal government
 21 concerning the use and repayment of such funds under any such
 22 federal act, the prosecution of the work under any such contract and
 23 the establishment of and disbursement from a separate account in
 24 which federal and state funds estimated to be required for plan
 25 preparation or other eligible activities under such federal act shall be
 26 kept. Said account shall not be a part of the General Fund of the state
 27 or any subdivision of the state.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of Children
 29 and Families shall do all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and
 30 accept any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal
 31 act to enhance the development of children and youth, or any other
 32 projects, programs or activities which may be established by state or
 33 federal law, for any of the purposes or activities related thereto, and
 34 said commissioner shall administer any such funds allotted to the
 35 department in accordance with applicable state and federal law. Not
 36 later than July 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
 37 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
 38 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
 39 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
 40 and human services on: (1) The amount of any federal funds applied
 41 for, qualified for, accepted and allotted; (2) the purposes for which
 42 such funds are to be used, and (3) any other information that the
 43 commissioner deems pertinent concerning the ability or inability of the
 44 department to access federal funds.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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